

POEM –THE SHED

1. Rhyme Scheme

The poem follows a regular rhyme scheme: mostly a-b-c-b in each stanza.

POTIC DEVICE

1. Imagery

The poet uses descriptive language to create vivid pictures in the reader's mind.

Example:

With a spider's web hanging across the door;
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind...

2. Repetition

Certain words and phrases are repeated for emphasis.

Example:

I know that there isn't really a ghost,
My brother tells lies to keep the shed for his den...
I know that there isn't really a ghost...

3. Personification

Giving human qualities to non-human things.

Example:

The hinges creak in the wind – the hinges are given the human action of creaking as if they were alive.

TONE OF THE POEM

The tone is curious, mysterious, and slightly fearful, capturing a child's imagination.

1. Answer the following questions.

(i) Who is the speaker in the poem?

Ans. The poet is the speaker.

(ii) Is she/he afraid or curious, or both?

Ans. He is afraid as well as curious. He is curious to enter the shed, and at the same time, he feels that someone is staring at him.

(iii) What is she/he planning to do soon?

Ans. He/ she is planning to visit the shed soon.

(iv) “But not just yet...” suggests doubt, fear, hesitation, laziness or something else.

Choose the word which seems right to you. Tell others why you chose it.

Ans. The words suggest hesitation and fear. Although the poet knows that there is no ghost in the shed, he is hesitant to visit it because he is fearful.

EXTRACT BASED QUESTIONS

1. There's a shed at the bottom of our garden

With a spider's web hanging across the door,

The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind.

When I'm in bed I lie and I listen,

I'll open that door one day.

Q1. Where is the shed located in the garden?

Ans: The shed is located at the bottom of the garden.

Q2. What hangs across the door of the shed?

Ans: A spider's web hangs across the door.

Q3. How does the poet describe the condition of the hinges?

Ans: The hinges are described as rusty and when the wind blows, they produce a creaking sound.

Q4. What does the poet hear when he is in bed?

Ans: When the poet is in bed, he hears the creaking sounds of the shed door.

Q5. What does the poet plan to do “one day”?

Ans: The poet plans to open the door of the shed one day.